

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB



SEVENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET



SEASON 1956

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1884



Entered League 1908

Premiers V.F.A.	1902, 1905
Runners-up	1901, 1903, 1904
Premiers V.F.L. 1920, 1921, 1932, 1934, 1943	
Runners-up 1919-24-27-28-29-31-33-40-42-44	

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HARRY DYKE, PRESIDENT.

BILL TYMMS, Secretary.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1956

PRESIDENT:

H. J. Dyke, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

M. J. Bolger, Esq.; R. H. Dunn, Esq.; J. R. Dyer, Esq. (proxy for M. Oppy from 16/1/56; appointed Vice-President 27/8/56); Senator P. J. Kennelly (resigned 27/8/56); M. Oppy, Esq. (leave of absence granted 12/2/56); W. G. Pitt, Esq.; Senator J. M. Sheehan.

COMMITTEE:

Messrs. C. Callander, L. J. Goring, H. Lingwood-Smith, B. McCormack, C. E. Priestley, J. Titus.

Players' Representatives on Committee:

A. Cooke, B. Davie, R. Wright.

Richmond Cricket Club Representative on Committee:

Mr. D. Goodson.

Club Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club:

Mr. C. Callander.

Richmond Second Eighteen Representative on Committee:

Mr. J. Joyce (Proxy Delegate, Mr. H. Crook).

Club Delegate to Richmond Second Eighteen:

Mr. L. J. Goring.

Victorian Football League Representatives:

Messrs. H. J. Dyke and W. A. Quinn.

Chairman of Committees: Mr. R. H. Dunn.

Hon. Solicitor: Mr. R. H. Dunn.

Auditor: Bruce Doig, Esq., Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. P. L. Grogan.

Hon. Physiotherapist: Mr. John Stanley.

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Stanbrough.

Coach: Mr. M. Oppy.

Captain: Mr. Des Rowe.

Vice-Captain: Mr. R. Wright.

Training Room Staff:

Messrs. I. Booth (Head Trainer), J. Evans, F. Hegarty, R. Jordan, R. Julier, L. McDonald and W. McDonald.

OFFICE-BEARERS (Continued)

Property Steward: Mr. C. Callander.

Asst. Property Steward: Mr. H. Jackson.

Door Steward: Mr. J. Chandler.

Boot Studder: Mr. A. Moore.

Asst. Boot Studder: Mr. W. Valentine.

Players' Property Steward: Mr. H. Jackson.

Hon. Transport Officer: Mr. G. den Besten.

Committee Room Stewards: Messrs. R. Cleaver and K. Pritchard.

Selection Committee:

Messrs. J. Titus (Chairman), B. McCormack, M. Oppy, C. Priestley, D. Rowe (Proxy Delegate, R. Wright).

Finance Committee:

Messrs. R. H. Dunn (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, H. J. Dyke, H. Lingwood-Smith, W. A. Quinn, W. J. Tymms.

Executive Committee:

Messrs. R. H. Dunn (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, H. J. Dyke, H. Lingwood-Smith, W. A. Quinn, W. J. Tymms.

Honorary Treasurer and Ticket Secretary:

Mr. W. A. Quinn, 3 Coane St., Ormond, S.E.9 (LW 3075).

Honorary Minute Secretary:

Mr. M. J. Bolger, 74 Railway Rd., Carnegie (UL 3361).

Honorary Social Secretary: Mr. W. G. Pitt.

Returning Officer: Mr. S. A. Wilkes.

Secretary:

W. J. Tymms, 47 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew.
(Phones: Ground—JB 2222; Residence—WL 5163)

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

will be held in the

RICHMOND TOWN HALL

on

WEDNESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1956, at 8 p.m.

Admission by presentation of 1956 Season Membership Ticket or
Invitation Card.

BUSINESS

To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Season 1955.

To receive Annual Report and Financial Statement, Season 1956.

Election of Office-Bearers.

Presentation of Life Membership and Five-Year Certificates.

Presentation of Trophies.

To deal with any other business of which necessary notice has been
given in accordance with the Rules and Constitution of the Club.

Musical Programme.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Club, the following
Office-Bearers retire through effluxion of time, and are eligible
for re-election:—

Vice-Presidents (2): Mr. R. H. Dunn and Mr. J. Dyer.

Committee (2): Mr. L. Goring and Mr. C. E. Priestley.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1957

Vice-Presidents (two required):

Messrs. J. DYER and R. DUNN (unopposed)

Committee (two required):

Messrs. R. F. GARRAWAY, L. J. GORING,

R. D. HARRIS, C. E. PRIESTLEY.

Annual Report of the Committee of Management, 1956

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

In submitting the 72nd Annual Report and Balance Sheet on
behalf of your Committee of Management the general activities of
the Club are outlined and the Financial Statement as well as various
statistics are recorded for your perusal.

Season 1956 proved a very disappointing year for Richmond
supporters. Generally the team provided matches that were notable
only for their inconsistencies. Brilliant and rugged football was
interspersed with listless and lethargic displays which tended to
dishearten supporters. The traditional fighting Tiger spirit and will
to win were sadly lacking in many games. After a good finish to
the 1955 season we naturally anticipated a better year for 1956.
Under the guidance of the new Coach, Max Oppy, early practice
matches were quite satisfactory and optimism prevailed prior to
the opening match. However, players in key positions failed to
produce the improvement expected or even maintain the form of
the previous season when the home and home matches were started.

The first game against last year's premiers was keenly fought
and although we were defeated our morale remained high. Flashes
of individual brilliance gave rise to the thought that our team was
capable of developing into a good combination. The second game
against Hawthorn produced a most inconsistent display. After provid-
ing scintillating and purposeful football for three quarters and
leading by six goals we slumped dismally in the final quarter to be
beaten by the tenacious and rugged Hawks. The following Saturday
was characterised by one of the few highlights of the season. Fresh
from their early victories, Collingwood was entirely unprepared
for the splendid fighting recovery of the Tigers. Our expectations
of the calibre of the team were fully realised and a notable victory
by five goals was recorded.

Up to and including this match, Richmond had, at least, given
the impression that it would be one of the vital factors in determin-
ing the composition of the Final Four, but an unpredictable slump
and losses to Geelong, Essendon, Carlton, St. Kilda, South Melbourne
and Footscray quickly settled any pretensions that we had of win-
ning an Olympic Premiership. The heavy grounds and wet con-
ditions certainly did not help some of our key position players, but
the traditional Tiger fight-back had vanished and needed reviving.
One victory in nine games was surely an all-time low for Tigerland.

One thing was certain and that was the necessity of team build-
ing for the future. The selectors, with this thought in mind, started
a gradual infusion of young players into the team. This additional
vigor and vitality certainly produced results. In a glorious fighting
second half the Tigers redeemed themselves against North Melbourne
and followed this victory by defeating Fitzroy. Losses against Mel-
bourne, Collingwood and Geelong were interspersed by a win against
Hawthorn. The players were now combining better and fighting
every inch of the way. This was fully emphasised against Essendon
and Carlton when a new Richmond revealed all the potentialities
of a Premiership combination. These victories certainly offer to
supporters the hope that 1957 could be the year of a Tiger revival.

Despite our lack of success in the current season an excellent
spirit of co-operation and harmony pervaded the clubrooms. We
feel sure that players, staff and officials have tried their utmost in
their attempts to bring Richmond back into calculations as a football

force. The benefit of this whole-hearted co-operation is fast becoming evident. Social activities have become intensified and encouragement given to the entertainment and meetings of players and their families. The improved form in the latter part of the season possibly owes a lot to this factor of comradeship developed in these social outings.

OUR VICE-REGAL MEMBERS

During the year our number one member, Sir Dallas Brooks, was welcomed to the ground on the days when matches were played against Melbourne and Fitzroy. On the latter occasion His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Brooks and their daughter, Mrs. Robin Byrne.

Sir Dallas has made a promise that he will unfurl the next Premiership Flag won by "His Tigers." We sincerely hope that this great occasion will not be long delayed. We feel that nothing would give greater pleasure to Sir Dallas in all his sporting activities than the unfurling of this pennant.

We feel greatly honoured that His Excellency can still find time in the midst of his onerous duties to remember the Club and maintain his interest by his attendance at our matches.

His grandson, Christopher Byrne, was presented with a football and a Richmond guernsey and according to Christopher's mother, he is being ably tutored by Lieut. Cox, the Governor's Aide-de-Camp, who trained at the ground in the early part of the season.

OUR PRESIDENT

It is with great pleasure that we record the seventeenth year of Harry Dyke as President of the Club. Undoubtedly the performance of the team this year has been disappointing to members, but even more so has been the disappointment to our President. He has worked untiringly by his advice, help and co-operation in an endeavour to rally the Club and the improvement shown in the latter part of the year could well be attributed to his efforts.

It has often been mooted that Richmond is Harry Dyke. How far removed from the truth. Exactly the reverse is the case. Harry thinks Richmond and acts Richmond and leaves no stone unturned in furthering the interests of the Club. He keeps in touch personally with all activities and is ever ready to help in any aspect of administration. His own business is very successful and due no doubt to his appreciation of attention to detail. He has inculcated that same spirit of efficiency into our office-bearers and, in consequence, Richmond owes a great deal to Harry for the maintenance of a very high standard in its administration.

It is not at Richmond only that Harry is appreciated as an administrator. He represents the Club at the Victorian Football League and his services are keenly sought on various sub-committees controlling the policy and destiny of our great national game.

It is amazing when one calculates the time that Harry gives to his love of football in general and to the Richmond Club in particular. Our hope is that he will see fit to continue his association as President of the Club until we have again risen to our former high position in the football world.

Thanks Harry for a job well done and might we add the wish that next year your efforts will merit the reward that they richly deserve.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 1956

Despite the increase in price, Club Membership was maintained at approximately the same numbers for 1955. There was a slight falling off in the number of adult membership, but a compensating increase in junior. The membership for 1956 reached 4,412 adults and 803 juniors.

We need hardly stress the value of purchasing a member's ticket. Firstly, the member helps his Club and secondly, it helps the purchaser by enabling him to see all matches at a cost of only 1/8 per match. Considering the facilities of the grandstand are available for all home matches, it is apparent that the first resolve for next season should be the purchasing of a membership ticket. Extensive recruiting throughout the year ensures that next season a young and virile team will give full value for any investment in membership tickets.

To our Ticket Secretary, Bill Quinn, his helpers at the grounds, Messrs. Norman Eyre, Percy Langdon, Garry Hender and Charlie Phipps, and our business supporters, who act as agents in Richmond and the suburbs, we are truly appreciative of a very successful effort and in tendering the thanks of the Committee we trust that we may again take advantage of your services for 1957.

HONORARY TREASURER

Following upon his retirement from the responsible position of Secretary to the Fishery and Game Department, Bill Quinn has been able to devote even more time to the Richmond Club. With its increasing duties the Treasurership of a League Club is no sinecure today. Thoroughly efficient and competent administrators are required for this position and we are fortunate to retain the services of Bill Quinn for this important post. In addition to his work as Treasurer, Bill carried out the duties of Ticket Secretary and in the absence of the Secretary on recruiting trips was always available to carry out the office work at the ground.

Besides sitting on our own Finance and Executive Committee, Bill was appointed as Chairman of the Victorian League Finance Committee and this honour in itself indicates the opinion held in football circles regarding the competence of our Treasurer. If any further evidence was required a few minutes study of the Financial Statement later in the Report would quickly direct the attention of members to the vast amount of work involved in running the financial side of a League Club.

Thanks Bill for another year of solid efficiency.

DELEGATES TO THE VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Harry Dyke, our President, and Bill Quinn, our Treasurer, were again elected as our representatives for the Victorian Football League and as the earlier section of this Report has already indicated, our Delegates have adequately represented your Club.

At all times your Club interests have been well protected by these gentlemen and we owe them a debt of gratitude for the time spent in furthering and sponsoring progressive administration at the League table. Often at great personal sacrifice and inconvenience they have accepted positions on sub-committees in order that they might render service to our national game.

To our Delegates and our proxy Delegate, Bill Pitt, we offer congratulations upon the worthy and competent manner in which they have carried out their duties.

CLUB EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The members of these two committees control the finances of the Club and submit recommendations to the General Committee for discussion. This year Messrs. Ray Dunn (Chairman), Martin Bolger, Harry Dyke, Hec. Lingwood-Smith, Bill Quinn and Bill Tymms performed the onerous duties associated with these two committees in a very capable and efficient manner. Finance matters were carefully discussed and thoroughly investigated before any decision was reached, while recommendations on football policy were based on sound business principles consistent always with the best interests of the Club. A few minutes reflection of the Financial Statement in the middle of the Report will definitely assure members that these committees have faithfully performed their part in ensuring the financial stability of your Club. As a point of interest and as evidence of the time, thought and effort expended by these gentlemen the credit balance is the highest in the history of the Club. We would be wanting in common courtesy if we did not express our sincere appreciation to these men for a magnificent effort on our behalf.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Messrs. Jack Titus (Chairman), Charlie Priestley, Basil McCormack, Max Oppy (Coach), Des Rowe (Captain) and Brian Davie (proxy) were responsible for all activities concerning the selection of players.

Early in the season they were faced with the problem of restricting the number of recruits and their final selection of the training list gave every indication of careful thought and appreciation of team requirements for the year. However, the unpredictable form and inconsistency displayed by the players caused many changes in personnel and consequent lack of team co-operation.

The unenviable task of team building was faced resolutely and young players were given every opportunity to develop. The policy of the selectors was justified and this was self evident in the later stages of the season when the team improved considerably and showed every prospect of better things for 1957. The task of team selection is a very thankless one and our selectors are to be commended upon their efforts to place in the field the best available side despite the criticism levelled at them for the team's lack of success.

Comprehensive reports submitted by Dick Harris, Second Eighteen Coach, were available at each selection meeting and his experience was invaluable in assessing the relative value of players due for promotion. At this stage we should make reference to the harmonious relationship existing between the coaches of our various eighteens. Working in co-operation with Max and Dick, the advice received from Len Dockett, Third Eighteen Coach, and Allan Watson, Fourth Eighteen Coach, was invaluable in presenting a complete picture of future possibilities amongst our country and district recruits.

To the Selection Committee and all who were associated with their deliberations we tender the thanks and appreciation of the General Committee and Members.

VICE-PRESIDENTS AND COMMITTEE

With the appointment of Max Oppy as Coach, a temporary vacancy occurred in the ranks of Vice-Presidents and we were fortunate in persuading Jack Dyer to accept the position. Along with Jack our other Vice-Presidents are Martin Bolger, Ray Dunn, Senator Pat Kennelly, Bill Pitt and Senator Jim Sheehan.

As will be observed these gentlemen represent administration and business acumen in some of the most important spheres of our national life and, in consequence, the Richmond Club is particularly well situated in having their services available in coping with the many important problems that confront League Clubs at the present day. League football is now a big business and, as such, we realise the necessity of guidance by men qualified to understand and surmount its complexities. In our Vice-Presidents members may have every confidence that this business experience will safely and efficiently guide the destinies of the Club in the many important decisions that lie ahead.

The sound and constructive deliberations of Senators Kennelly and Sheehan have proved of great value at the Committee table whilst their help in recruiting and other spheres has helped considerably. As usual Ray Dunn has been a very good friend with his legal advice to players, staff and officials and to the Club in particular. Members will readily realise that men of the calibre of Ray are a decided acquisition to any Club and we are privileged that he can spare the time in maintaining and upholding the high traditions and prestige of Tigerland. Bill Pitt, our Social Secretary, has completely revived interest in our social activities and his organisation and attention to detail have, without doubt, ensured the unqualified success of all entertainments. In the social sphere it has been our most successful year and we owe it in no small measure to the efforts of Bill Pitt. Martin Bolger and "Lord Blood" Dyer complete our complement of Vice-Presidents and they bring to their duties that same tenacity of spirit that characterised their play in the football field. Honesty of purpose is the hall mark of all their work for the Club and the advancement of the Tigers is their only consideration.

Our Committeemen as represented by Charlie Callander, Les Goring, Hec. Lingwood-Smith, Basil McCormack, Charlie Priestley and Jack Titus comprise a band of hard working officials who are frequently called upon to make many personal sacrifices in the interests of Richmond. Charlie Callander is without exception the most tireless worker that we possess. His cheerful disposition and willingness to co-operate in any activity for the benefit of the Tigers render him invaluable to our administration. Despite a severe illness early in the season, Hec. Lingwood-Smith is again one of the stalwarts amongst our Committeemen. Hec. is in charge of our recruiting operations and his attention to detail, coupled with his enthusiasm, are potent factors in a successful year's recruiting. We wish Hec. continued improvement in health as we could ill afford to lose his valuable services. Les Goring is our representative to the Second Eighteen and has carried out his duties in an efficient and conscientious manner. The value of old players on the Committee is well exemplified in the personalities of Charlie Priestley, Basil McCormack and Jack Titus. As players they have given yeoman service to Richmond and as Committeemen they have been no less effective. Their knowledge of the game and the various problems confronting players has enabled them to tender advice and sound constructive criticism which has helped considerably in the smooth functioning of the Club.

COACH FOR 1956

From a very imposing array of applicants, Max Oppy was selected as Coach for 1956. From the outset Max worked very hard to bring all players to the peak of physical fitness and was untiring in his endeavours to infuse into them that inimitable and indomitable courage that always typified his own play. Despite the early

inconsistency of the team, Max was undaunted and strove even harder to stem the tide of failure. He did everything possible to revive the flagging spirit of Tigerland and the small measure of success that came late in the season was, at least, some reward for the energy and painstaking efforts given by this stout hearted trier.

Throughout the year the services of Dick Harris were available in assisting Max on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The co-operation between the two coaches and the maintenance of a close liaison between them and the players helped considerably in promoting harmonious relationships amongst all players.

To Max and Dick the Committee and members express their appreciation for a grand effort.

CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN

For the fifth year in succession Des Rowe was chosen as Captain, while Roy Wright was again appointed as Vice-Captain.

We offer our congratulations to both players for the manner in which they carried out their duties and for the example they set their team mates by their effective play throughout the season. We tender also sincere congratulations to Des and Roy on their selection in the Victorian team in the Carnival series held in Perth and their subsequent selection as members of an All Australian Eighteen. Richmond is proud indeed of the honour of having two representatives in this team.

During the absence of Des and Roy in Perth, Brian Davie and Alan Cooke were appointed as Captain and Vice-Captain and justified their appointments by their sterling play and leadership which ultimately brought a very encouraging victory against North Melbourne.

THE PLAYERS

In 1956, thirty-six players participated in premiership matches but Ron Branton and Alan Cations were the only ones to appear in each of the eighteen games. Despite the lack of success the players never wavered in their loyalty to the Club and battled hard to overcome their early failures. Whenever requested they were always available for lectures to junior clubs, hospital visits and radio appearances. Both on and off the field it has been a pleasure to be associated with our players and we pay tribute to their fine behaviour in all circumstances.

Relations between officials, staff and players have been most harmonious and the player's representatives on the General Committee in Roy Wright, Alan Cooke and Brian Davie have helped considerably towards this desirable state of affairs by taking an active part in the administration of the Club.

TRAINING ROOM STAFF

As usual there were very few changes in the staff and considering the number of years that they have represented the Club in their various positions it must be evident that we have a very efficient band of workers.

Head Trainer, Jim Booth, had competent and efficient assistants in Jim Evans, Frank Hegarty, Ray Julier, Len and Bill McDonald and all were willing to co-operate in any manner in their endeavours to render satisfactory service to the players. For another year of valued service we offer them our sincere thanks.

In extending our thanks to the trainers we would take this opportunity of including Alby Keyhoe, Head Trainer of the Second Eighteen and his assistants, Stan Edwards, Bert Matthews and Keith Cleaver.

Our sincere appreciation is offered to Charlie Callander in his role of Property Steward. The Club is fortunate in having the services of this efficient and conscientious personality who has worked so ungrudgingly during his long association with the Tigers. Congratulations Charlie on your continued appointment as Steward to the Victorian Carnival team. It is a fitting tribute to the high esteem in which others outside the Club regard Charlie and to the exemplary manner in which his duties are performed.

The Committee acknowledge with grateful thanks the services rendered by Barney Jackson (Players' Property Steward), Allyn Moore (Boot Studder), Bill Valentine (Assistant Boot Studder), Bill Stanbrough (Timekeeper), Ken Pritchard and Ron Cleaver (Social Stewards), Jack Chandler and Roy Watkins (Door Stewards) and Charlie Phipps, Norman Eyre, Percy Langdon and Garry Hender (Ticket Sellers). Their efforts have helped in no small measure towards the smooth functioning of the Club.

HONORARY DOCTOR AND PHYSIO-THERAPIST

In common with other years our Honorary Medico, Dr. P. L. Grogan, devoted a great deal of his valuable time in diagnosing and treating the injuries and illnesses of our players and his constant attention helped towards their quick recovery.

Our Honorary Physio-Therapist, Mr. John Stanley, provided the maximum attention to injured players and his services are highly appreciated by the Committee. During the latter part of the season John went abroad, making investigations in connection with the Olympic Games. We will be very glad to welcome him back next year.

The Richmond Club owes a lot to the conscientious work performed by these two professional men and we extend a very special vote of thanks for their untiring efforts throughout the season.

BEST AND FAIREST

On the votes of the non-playing selectors, Laurie Sharp was adjudged our Best and Fairest player for 1956. His name will be inscribed on the Harry Dyke Honour Board for that year and he will be awarded the Club Trophy of £25. We feel sure that all members will heartily endorse this selection as Laurie was outstanding for his consistent, rugged and effective play throughout the year. Congratulations Laurie on a fine performance and may there be many more such seasons ahead for you in the service of the Tigers.

THE J. D. LANGDON TROPHY

The contest for the award of Best and Fairest in the Second Eighteen was a very thrilling one and entirely satisfactory as it resulted in a tie between two very good clubmen in John Ritchie and Charlie Flannagan. Congratulations John and Charlie upon your success and thanks for an excellent year of football for the Cubs.

THE J. J. SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY

In the Third Eighteen, Russell Hart was adjudged Best and Fairest. Russell played as full back and gave many impressive displays in that position.

BILL COSGROVE MEMORIAL TROPHY

The trophy donated by our President for the best first year player is usually won by a good player and this year was no exception. Tommy Simpson wins the award for his dashing displays on the wing. Tommy is always a trier and his tenacity set an example for the rest of his team mates. Congratulations Tom and may you enjoy many years at Tigerland.

LIFE MEMBERS FOR SEASON 1956

In recognition of many years of service in his capacity as a trainer, your Committee has recommended the appointment of Bill McDonald as a Life Member of the Club. Bill has always been most conscientious in all his work and has always been ready to help in any way in furthering the advancement of Richmond. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with Bill and I am sure that members will endorse the action of the Committee in this appointment. Hearty congratulations Bill.

FIVE-YEAR PLAYERS

Alan Cations, Graham Cox and Stan Morcom earn five-year certificates and as all players are very good clubmen it renders our congratulations all the more pleasing. Congratulations Alan, Graham and Stan and thanks for five years of good service to the Club.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB

Once again it is our privilege to extend our thanks and appreciation to our cricketing Tigers for their help and co-operation throughout the year. In particular, we wish to thank Jim Cook (President), Percy Maybury (Secretary) and Noel Baragwanath (Treasurer) for their courtesy and assistance in all matters appertaining to the smooth running of our two Clubs.

Dave Goodson again represented the Richmond Cricket Club as a Delegate on our Committee and helped considerably in his contributions to any discussions. His sincerity and sound common sense are greatly appreciated.

At present the cricketers, like the footballers, are in the doldrums, but we feel sure that it will not be long before both bodies rise again to sporting greatness.

RICHMOND SECOND EIGHTEEN

The guiding stars of the Second Eighteen were the same reliable quartette in Bob Knapp (President), Jim Joyce (Secretary), Frank Keon (Treasurer), and Mel Wishart (Social Secretary) and needless to say they carried out their duties in that well known capable manner which characterises all their efforts.

An ex-Tiger stalwart in Dick Harris was appointed Coach for the season and from the outset Dick was an unequalled success. His advice to young players was invaluable while his co-operation with the Senior Eighteen resulted in quite a number of these lads ultimately becoming Senior players. In the social sphere, Dick was ever ready to lend a hand and we are fortunate that he decided to return to the Tiger's lair.

The Cubs fought their way out of a hopeless position early in the season and are to be congratulated upon their efforts in reaching the preliminary final where they were defeated by South Melbourne in a hard fought tussle. Bad luck Cubs that you could not bring to Richmond that third premiership in succession, but rest assured it was a mighty fine attempt.

RICHMOND THIRD EIGHTEEN

Len Dockett was again appointed as Coach while John Yewers carried out the duties of Manager. The guidance of this Eighteen is of vital importance to the Club as many senior players owe their success to the apprenticeship served in this competition. Every year it is apparent that Len has placed a great deal of thought and effort into his coaching and towards the encouragement of the lads entrusted to his care. Without doubt their gradual and steady development as footballers can be attributed to his efficiency. At least two of his players in Col Savage and Don Wall should make senior honours in the not too distant future.

RICHMOND FOURTH EIGHTEEN

Since its formation in 1951 this Eighteen has been the nursery ground for Tigerland. Despite the lack of success in the inaugural year it soon developed as a potential force in the football sphere. In 1954 and 1955 it missed the premiership by one point on each occasion. This year with Allan Watson as Coach and Sid Cluett as Manager the long awaited objective was reached. Your Club is proud indeed that these boys have brought at least one Olympic Premiership to Tigerland. Congratulations to Allan and Sid and our grateful thanks for their efficiency and hard work throughout the year. Even at this early stage we predict that this eighteen will furnish at least four future League players.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN OUR DISTRICT

Every encouragement has been given by the Senior Club to the development of the Junior bodies in our district. The sponsoring of a competition amongst the district schools has created a great deal of interest and succeeded in making them Richmond minded. It is certain that the Club will reap the benefit arising from this sponsorship before many years have passed.

As a result of a new innovation suggested by our President, representatives from our Third and Fourth Eighteens now sit with the General Committee and the reports submitted by these representatives have helped considerably in understanding the problems of the Juniors.

In the higher grades help has been given by way of donations, interchange of players and lectures. Many functions and meetings of Junior Clubs were visited and a close liaison maintained with all officials. Our thanks are due to Frank Dunin, Ron McDonald, Basil McCormack and Bill Tymms who helped in no small way through their readiness in giving their services for lectures and talks on many occasions.

Congratulations to Richmond Y.C.W. in winning the premiership of the C.Y.M.S. competition and congratulations to Richmond District in reaching the Grand Final of the Metropolitan League.

PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND

As an incentive to play League Football must be added the benefits to be derived from the Club's Provident Fund and the Victorian League's Provident Fund. Despite our lack of success the Club Fund was credited with an amount of £688 for this year and players will benefit according to the number of games played. In addition the League Provident Fund will augment this saving medium for players to the extent of £3 per match.

DONORS TO CLUB FUNDS

Donations are listed individually later in this Report and we take this opportunity of expressing to our donors our sincere thanks for their support throughout the year. It is always gratifying to a Club to feel that it had the help and assistance of supporters who remain loyal no matter how the team functions. We hope that we can reward their loyalty by better displays in the forthcoming season.

DONORS OF TROPHIES TO PLAYERS

During the year our players receive donations and trophies from generous supporters in recognition of their prowess on the field. They desire to thank all concerned and appreciate very much this support rendered to them.

We gratefully acknowledge donations and trophies provided by the following: Messrs. Harry Dyke, Ray Dunn, Jim Sheehan, Jack Titus, Max Oppy, Bill Tymms, Dr. P. Grogan, Arthur Dummatt,

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, SEASON 1956

EXPENDITURE			
Team Maintenance:—			
Players' Allowances, Sustenance, Lost Time, etc.	£3,859	10	3
Coach and Training Staff	1,023	6	8
Richmond Football Club 2nd XVIII.	731	15	4
Richmond 3rd XVIII., Richmond Junior League and Junior Club Expenses	349	5	8
Materials, Training Requisites	572	1	3
Medical Supplies and Expenses	170	1	9
Players' Presentations and Trophies	140	2	0
Transport and Car Hire	44	10	4
Recruiting Expenses	497	18	3
Refreshments, Entertainment, etc.	1,257	10	8
	£8,646	2	2
Administration Expenses:—			
Annual Meeting Expenses and Hire of Halls	£51	11	7
Printing and Advertising	685	0	6
Telephone, Telegrams, Postage	198	1	5
Secretarial Salary and Expense Allowance	1,280	19	0
Ground Management Pool	882	8	0
Maintenance, Club Rooms	185	18	9
Presentations, Donations, Hospital Appeals, etc.	98	17	7
General Expenses	76	2	7
Photographs and Plaques	21	11	0
Wreaths and Flowers	13	1	0
Insurances	41	5	6
	3,534	16	11
Honoraria	448	10	0
Trips	62	6	7
Club Blazers	35	0	0
Players Provident Fund—Grant 1956	688	0	0
Commission on Sale of Tickets	14	19	0
Delegates' Fees	2	2	0
Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings	51	0	0
Surplus to Accumulation Account	3,372	9	3
	£16,855	5	11

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15th OCTOBER, 1956

LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities, Sundry Creditors	£96	17	9
Accumulation Account:—			
Balance, 1/1/56	£6,576	13	9
Add Surplus Season 1956	3,372	9	3
	9,949	3	0
	£10,046	0	9

INCOME			
Membership:—			
Sale of Tickets:			
4412 Adult Tickets at 30/-	£6,618	0	0
803 Scholars Tickets at 10/-	401	10	0
	£7,019	10	0
Less Levy paid to V.F.L.	123	5	6
	£6,896	4	6
Richmond Cricket Club Membership Payments	956	15	0
Donations	901	5	0
Gate Receipts:—			
Matches—Home Ground	£2,852	9	5
Matches—Other Grounds	2,539	15	1
Practice Matches	106	3	6
	5,498	8	0
Share of Second Round Proceeds:—			
Received during Season	400	0	0
Night Football Proceeds	1,604	0	4
Broadcasting Rights	60	0	0
Bar and Liquor Rights	267	10	0
Catering Rights	175	0	0
Interest Received	50	0	2
Payroll Taxation Refund	46	2	11
	£16,855	5	11

ASSETS			
Currents Assets:—			
English, Scottish & Aust. Bank Ltd.	£6,138	3	5
State Savings Bank of Vic., Trip Fund	6	16	1
Debtors	1,604	0	4
Accruals—Interest	14	19	5
	£7,763	19	3
Investments, Commonwealth Treasury Bonds	1,400	0	0
Fixed Assets:—			
Furniture, Fittings, Office Machines,			
1/1/56	£501	0	0
Less Depreciation	51	0	0
	450	0	0
Deferred Assets, V.F.L. Club Trust Account	432	1	6
	£10,046	0	9

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON 1956

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, period ended 15th October, 1956

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
To Balance, State Savings Bank	£2,136 12 2	By Payments to Players:—	
„ Interest:—		B. Boland	£94 18 9
Commonwealth Loan		K. Bradley	12 5 9
Bonds	£46 17 6	K. Dillon	163 19 0
State Savings Bank	26 5 9	W. Green	11 0 8
	73 3 3	R. Hall	48 12 6
„ Grant, Richmond Football Club, Sea-		D. Hart	10 4 10
son 1956	688 0 0	G. Hoare	8 2 8
		A. Pannam	212 17 3
		M. Oppy	296 3 0
			£858 4 5
		„ Balance, State Savings Bank	2,039 11 0
	<u>£2,897 15 5</u>		<u>£2,897 15 5</u>

PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15th OCTOBER, 1956

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Participants' Credits and Interest	£3,539 11 0	Commonwealth Loan Bonds, 1,500 3½% 1963	£1,500 0 0
		State Savings Bank of Victoria	2,039 11 0
	<u>£3,539 11 0</u>		<u>£3,539 11 0</u>

DIGEST OF SALES OF 1956 MEMBERSHIP TICKETS

Sales—Adults	4412	As issued by Printer:—	
Unsold—Adults	965	Adults	6000
Donors, Life Members, Complimentaries, etc.	623	Scholars	1250
Sales—Scholars	803		
Unsold—Scholars	385		
Donors and Complimentary Tickets sent local			
Schools and Boys' Homes	62		
	<u>7250</u>		<u>7250</u>

The President and Members,
Richmond Football Club,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have examined the Accounts and Transactions of your Club for period ended 15th October, 1956. I have been advised that the Club did not, at the 15th October, 1956, have any liabilities other than those shown in the above Balance Sheet.

I have pleasure in reporting that in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and correctly sets forth the true position of the Richmond Football Club at the 15th October, 1956, according to the information and explanations afforded me and as shown by the books of the Club.

18th October, 1956.

BRUCE W. L. DOIG, Chartered Accountant (Aust.), Auditor

Theo Lewis, Gordon Hoadley, Bob Barry, George Wilkinson, Joe O'Shea, Bob Brady, Joe Pettinato, Alf Board, Bill Walker, Des Millman, Johnnie Smith, Frank O'Brien, Hoot Gibson, Bill Richards, Roger David, Maurie Fleming, Charlie Turner, Ron Garroway, J. Hamilton, Len Nicholls, G. Dickinson, Len Goodman, and Mrs. Gregory.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A small but energetic social committee played a very important part and provided a major contribution in the harmonious running of the Club. Under the capable guidance of Bill Pitt and Charlie Callander functions were arranged for the entertainment of players, officials, staff or members and, in all cases, the attendances were sufficient indication that these efforts were thoroughly appreciated. Attention to detail and conscientious preparatory work were primary factors in ensuring the success of these functions. Many thanks Bill and Charlie for a mighty effort in 1956.

Our first social engagement for the season took place on 15th January in the form of a cricket match against the Sergeants' Mess, R.A.A.F., Laverton. The picnic lunch, buffet tea and the musical programme during the evening were enjoyed by all who attended and our special thanks are due to the boys of the R.A.A.F. for the invitation and the hospitality extended during our visit. The cricket match was won by the Tigers and the R.A.A.F. will be seeking revenge during the summer months when it is hoped that the visit will be repeated.

Our annual cricket match with the Richmond Cricket Club was held at Seaford on 5th February and, as usual, a large crowd of supporters from both Clubs rallied to the outing. Set in picturesque surroundings with brilliant sunshine prevailing, the match furnished plenty of excitement and resulted in the Footballers winning by one run. In addition to refreshments for the adults, the children were well catered for with ice creams and soft drinks. The respective social committees of both Clubs are to be commended for the arrangements made for the enjoyment of all who participated at the outing.

In order to help in the raising of funds for the Bendigo Hospital our Club journeyed to Bendigo on 4th March and appeared at the Queen Elizabeth Oval in a series of contests against South Bendigo Football Club. A cricket match, relay races, bicycle races and long distance kicking contests between the two Clubs aroused a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. We wish to express our thanks to the South Bendigo Football Club for the competition provided and for the hospitality extended to us during this visit. In the evening players and officials paid a social call to the Bendigo Training Centre and interesting talks on football were given by Jack Dyer, Bill Tymms, Des Rowe, Roy Wright and Ray Poulter. In appreciation of this visit our Club was later presented with a hand worked ornamental match tray which is now displayed in our Club rooms.

In July we had our annual social night with the Richmond Cricket Club. A musical programme, billiards and a very tasteful supper were features of a most enjoyable evening.

During the year a number of tennis tournaments were arranged through the medium of Charlie Priestley and players and officials revealed a surprising wealth of talent.

To our good friends Ambrose and Bill Palmer we are again indebted for a very pleasant Sunday morning at the ground. In an outdoor ring an entertaining programme of boxing and wrestling was provided for patrons. Many thanks Ambrose and Bill for your

trouble. We are extremely grateful for your continued interest in the Club. At the conclusion of the entertainment Ray Poulter and Col Saddington sparred peacefully for two rounds.

Sports Parade was again conducted through the good graces of Kia-Ora Products in the Melbourne Town Hall. It is an excellent medium for supporters to get-together and meet our players and officials and this year was no exception as the usual big crowd patronised this show. With Tony Charlton as compere, the entertainment was first class and we express our appreciation to Tony for his grand effort. Our thanks are given to Kia-Ora and John Clemenger who sponsored and directed this admirable entertainment.

The Annual Ball held at Ziegfeld Palais on 22nd June was an unqualified success and is becoming more popular as the years progress. Our special thanks are due to Charlie Priestley who organised the function and attended to all arrangements.

The Ernie McCormick Cup, which is contested by the golfers of the Richmond Cricket and Football Clubs, was won by the footballers. This year the event was decided on the Woodend Golf Course and despite the wet and wintry conditions, the standard of golf was extremely high.

Towards the end of the season a number of Club Dances were held in the rooms for players, staff and officials. Each dance was most enjoyable and thanks to the hospitality of Ray Dunn and Ron Garroway the last one, in particular, provided a very happy note on which to end the season at the ground.

Our final social evening was held on 12th October. At a Dinner Dance at Ciro's about 80 players, officials and staff, together with their wives and lady friends, spent a very happy evening. It was unanimously agreed that the function was a fitting climax to a most successful year in the social sphere.

APPRECIATION

Because of the nature of our operations and activities throughout the season we find ourselves indebted to many members and supporters for varying media of assistance either by way of advice, co-operation, help, or financial aid, and to all these good folk we express our appreciation. Naturally we may inadvertently omit reference to some people whose activities help our Club and our players in many different ways. If that should happen we take this opportunity of submitting our humble apologies for that omission, but we can assure them that their services are none the less appreciated and we look forward to their continued interest and loyal support.

On behalf of the Committee, players, staff and members appreciation is extended to the following:

The staff and officials of the Victorian Football League for their courtesy, co-operation and help during the year.

The Press and their sporting writers for their publicity in publishing selected teams and comments, training notes and other items of interest concerning the activities of the Club. In particular we would take this occasion of expressing our thanks to Alf Brown and Bob Buchanan ("Herald"), Kevin Hogan and Rex Pullen ("Sun"), Percy Beames ("Age"), Percy Taylor ("Argus"), and Bill Cathie ("Football Record").

Senator Pat Kennelly, who recently resigned as Vice-President of the Club, for the tremendous amount of work given so ungrudgingly in furthering the interests of Richmond. We feel sure that Pat will still be available when assistance is urgently required.

In the radio world to the sporting and football commentators for their broadcasts and comments upon games or sessions in which our Club or players have been concerned.

Ron Garroway for his many kindnesses to the Club and players throughout the season and for his very happy thought in providing a buffet tea for players and staff on the occasion of the St. Kilda match.

Joe Pettinato (Florina Cafe) for his continued interest and for his consideration in arranging meals for players and officials.

Mrs. Gregory for her thoughtfulness during the year and, in particular, for her decoration of the race for the Cubs in their semi-final and final games.

The ticket sellers at the ground and the agents who have done so much in the disposal of membership tickets, and in this regard we would specially thank Norman Eyre, Charlie Phipps, Percy Langdon and Garry Hender who have been particularly helpful.

The sponsors of the various radio sessions and football broadcasts in Fred Hesse Ltd., Heinz Products, Kia-Ora Products, London Stores, Pelaco Ltd., Aspro and Roger David and, particularly, on behalf of the players do we offer our appreciation of the many gifts and trophies received from these sponsors.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of all in Tigerland congratulations are extended to the following:

The Victorian Football League on winning the recent Carnival at Perth. Manager Gordon Carlyon, Coach Reg Hickey, and Captain Bill Hutchinson on the excellent manner in which they carried out their duties in clinching this victory.

The Melbourne Football Club upon its well earned success in winning the Olympic Premiership. Congratulations also to Norman Smith (Coach) and Noel McMahon (Captain).

Collingwood Football Club upon a fine effort in reaching the Grand Final. Footscray and Geelong Clubs in reaching the Final Four.

Peter Box upon a grand performance in winning the Brownlow Medal.

Melbourne Football Club in winning the Second Eighteen Pennant.

The Cubs upon their efforts in reaching the Preliminary Final.

Des Rowe and Roy Wright on their selection in the Victorian Carnival team.

Players Ray Poulter, Des Rowe and Roy Wright who have passed their 150th game with the Tigers, and players Havel Rowe and Alan Cooke who have passed their 100th game.

NIGHT FOOTBALL

The spectacular brand of football displayed under the lights has given to the public a further opportunity of seeing their favorite stars in action and the attendances at these matches exceeded expectations.

Although severely handicapped through injuries, your team gave a very good account of itself during the series. In a grand and exciting display Richmond won its way into the semi-final by defeating Hawthorn, but were forced to lower its colours to Carlton after a hard and gruelling game in the second round.

Undoubtedly night football has come to stay and we can anticipate further developments in this competition in the coming season.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we announce the demise of the following old players of the Club:

TOM O'HALLORAN MEL MORRIS MAURIE SHEEHAN
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Hallowed be their memory and to the families and relatives of the foregoing and to all other members and supporters who have suffered bereavements during the past year we convey our deepest sympathy.

SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION

The compilation of this Annual Report has been effected with very mixed feelings. Along with members I feel disappointed at the results produced on the field, but this disappointment is tempered with a certain spirit of optimism when I reflect upon the vast amount of recruiting work done during the season and the consequent influx of youth into the Club for next year. In this process of team building we face a period of very hard work and organisation in order that we may attain our objective of again placing Richmond in the forefront as a football power.

I gratefully acknowledge the support and advice tendered to me by the Office-Bearers and officials of the Club and I take advantage of this opportunity in expressing my appreciation to the players and staff for their co-operation and loyalty throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to be associated with the Club and I feel sure that, with the traditions of the past as a guiding star, our united efforts will soon place the Tigers on the threshold of another Premiership.

In conclusion I ask members for a continuance of their loyal support in anticipation of better performances in 1957.

BILL TYMMS, Secretary.

ADDENDUM

It is with regret I have to report a very disappointing season just completed. Every one at the Club had high hopes we would continue on from where we left off, after our good finish the previous season, but for some reason, a number of our name players did not find form, which had a great effect on the younger players, in whom we had great hope. Later in the season, some of the senior players struck form, but the damage had been done. In several games, we showed we had a team capable of putting up a good showing against the best sides—our defeat of Collingwood at Richmond was a first-class exhibition, and later in the season our wins over Essendon and Carlton were also good victories.

Altogether, the season was a great disappointment to me, I thought we had the side which would come back and lift the Tigers into their position of being round the final four. Several young players have shown vast improvement, and we do look forward with a certain amount of confidence, that we will regain our objective and lift the Tigers.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee, Staff and Players for their continued loyalty.

Our new Secretary, Mr. Bill Tymms, has had a fairly hard task. To take over a side that is down, is no easy matter. He has put a lot of time into recruiting and we hope the result of this work will be shown in 1957.

I sincerely regret I cannot give a glowing account of our side on the past year's performances, but I hope we will benefit from last year's disastrous season and get the old spirit back into the Tigers, when they were a team which was never beaten until the final bell rang.

HARRY DYKE, President.

ANNUAL TROPHIES, SEASON 1956

For	Won by	Number of Votes Polled
Best and Fairest	Laurie Sharp	132
Equal 2nd Best and Fairest	{Ron Branton {Roy Wright	74 74
Meritorious Service	Des Rowe	72
"	Ray Poulter	66
"	Stan Morcom	53
"	Alan Cations	41
"	Frank Dunin	39

Best First-Year Player (W. Cosgrove Memorial Trophy)	Tom Simpson	35
Meritorious Service	Peter Morris	27
"	Ken Ward	27
Richmond News Trophy	Des Rowe	
Equal Best Player 2nd 18 (J. D. Langdon Trophy)	{ John Ritchie { Charlie Flannagan	
Best Player 3rd 18 (J. J. Smith Trophy)	Russell Hart	

In addition to the Club Award of £25 and a Canteen of Cutlery valued at 25 guineas (donated by Mr. Tom Crisp) for the Best and Fairest we are indebted to the following patrons for their generosity in donating trophies: Messrs. H. L. Roberts, Ray Dunn, Pat Kennelly, Harry Dyke, Eli Phillips, Johnnie Smith, Bill Pitt, Jim Sheehan, Les Goring, Frank O'Brien and the Richmond News.

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GOALS KICKED BY PRESENT-DAY PLAYERS

Player	Total Season with		Player	Total Season with	
	1956	Club		1956	Club
Allsopp, R.	5	7	Langridge, E.	3	3
Amery, L.	2	2	Naismith, V.	4	4
Branton, R.	23	106	Nix, J.	1	18
Carrick, W.	5	5	McDonald, R.	9	31
Cations, A.	-	8	Morcom, S.	2	4
Claxton, J.	16	18	Morris, P.	17	23
Cooke, A.	1	54	Poulter, R.	31	351
Cox, G.	-	15	Rowe, D.	-	23
Davie, B.	5	32	Rowe, H.	1	43
Davis, M.	1	1	Ryan, F.	2	4
Dummett, R.	32	71	Saddington, C.	2	2
Dunin, F.	-	19	Sharp, L.	5	11
Evely, W.	1	1	Simpson, J.	1	1
Hafey, T.	-	9	Spring, G.	-	62
Jenkins, J.	1	2	Wright, R.	13	105
Total			183	1035	

DONATIONS TO CLUB FUNDS, SEASON 1956

Mr. Ron Garroway	£25	0	0	Mr. M. Aarons	5	5	0
Mr. Johnnie Smith	20	0	0	Kornie Food Co.	5	5	0
Mr. Theo Lewis	20	0	0	Messrs. Jens. Spring			
Vacuum Oil Co.	15	15	0	and Critchley	5	5	0
Mr. George Provan	13	10	0	Mr. K. McIntyre	5	5	0
Mr. H. L. Roberts	13	10	0	Mr. Bert Maddern	5	5	0
Mr. Gordon Hoadley	13	0	0	Mr. W. G. Pitt	5	5	0
Mr. Max Reddy	12	10	0	Mr. J. F. Mulder	5	5	0
Mr. A. Mason	12	0	0	H. J. Heinz Co.	5	5	0
Dimmey's Stores	10	10	0	Mr. M. Nathan	5	5	0
Mr. Alf Foster	10	10	0	Mr. S. Bernard	5	5	0
Mr. O. A. Meik	10	10	0	Mr. J. Clemenger	5	5	0
Mr. Albert Smith	10	10	0	Mr. Kevin Toms	5	5	0
Mr. Donald Don	10	10	0	Mr. R. J. Freyer	5	5	0
Mr. Joe Pettinato	10	10	0	Mr. W. Fehmel	5	0	0
Mr. Joe R. O'Shea	10	0	0	Anonymous	5	0	0
Mr. G. A. Alessio	10	0	0	Mr. L. Goodman	5	0	0
Mr. Ern Grey	10	0	0	Mr. C. G. Stuckey	5	0	0
Mr. Geo. Graves	10	0	0	Mr. W. Francis	5	0	0
Mr. Ted Newton	10	0	0	Mr. Norm Eyre	5	0	0
Mr. J. Costello	10	0	0	Mr. K. J. Callcott	5	0	0
Mr. Arthur Dummett	10	0	0	Mr. H. Maroney	5	0	0
Mr. Hee. Lingwood-Smith	10	0	0	Mr. Ern Taylor	5	0	0
Mr. H. Stribling	7	7	0	Mr. J. Fryburg	5	0	0
Mr. F. Pembroke	6	10	0	Mr. C. Johnson	5	0	0
Messrs. S. and H. Cusworth	6	0	0	Valco Engineering Co.	5	0	0
Mr. Al Board	5	15	0	Mr. Percy Page	5	0	0
Mr. T. Fitzpatrick	5	5	0	Mr. E. H. King	4	4	0
Mr. Ray Steele	5	5	0	Mr. Tom Campbell	4	4	0
Mr. R. Lean	5	5	0	Mr. J. Carroll	3	12	6
Mr. F. W. Treganowan	5	5	0	Mr. A. Holzer	3	3	0
Mr. Ross Faulkner	5	5	0	Mr. J. H. Baggott	3	3	0
Mr. W. Palmer	5	5	0	J. Hubball P/L	3	3	0
Bryant & May P/L	5	5	0	Mr. H. H. Haslem	3	3	0
Tilbury & Lewis	5	5	0	Mr. W. K. Crammond	3	3	0
Mr. A. W. Steele	5	5	0	Mr. E. Kirton	3	3	0
Mr. C. Robertson	5	5	0	Mr. T. Corns	3	3	0
Engineering Products P/L	5	5	0	Mr. J. P. Buckley	3	3	0
Mr. Jack Harris	5	5	0	Mr. Lawson Muir	3	3	0
Mr. W. J. King	5	5	0	Mr. F. Scully, M.L.A.	3	3	0
Mr. G. O. Hook	5	5	0	Mr. C. E. Boyles	3	3	0
Mr. Alex Tait	5	5	0	Mr. J. Cairns, M.H.R.	3	3	0
Mr. P. Read	5	5	0	Mr. J. McMahon	3	3	0
Mr. W. Harkin	5	5	0	W. Horsfall P/L	3	3	0
Mr. Syd McRae	5	5	0	L. Arthur P/L	3	3	0
Mr. R. V. Angus	5	5	0	Mr. B. L. Robertson	3	3	0
Mr. Eli Phillips	5	5	0	Mr. S. J. Steele	3	3	0
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Taylor	5	5	0	Mr. W. T. Nutt	3	3	0
Mr. L. Gibson	5	5	0	Mr. C. Turner	3	3	0
Mr. L. Sinclair	5	5	0	Mr. Geo. Caldis	3	3	0
McFarlane & Burns	5	5	0	F. D. Hagger P/L	3	3	0
Mr. T. Dwyer	5	5	0	Mr. W. A. Archer	3	3	0
Mr. S. J. Franklin	5	5	0	Mrs. M. Stirling	3	3	0
Mr. W. H. Walker	5	5	0	Kiwi Polish Co.	3	3	0
Mr. J. H. Devine	5	5	0	Mr. D. G. Elliot	3	3	0
Mr. J. Mulder	5	5	0	Mr. G. J. Brown	3	3	0
Mr. P. J. Mitchell	5	5	0	Mr. J. F. Devany	3	0	0
				Mr. F. Bensell	3	0	0
				Mr. Ian Palmer	3	0	0
				Mr. Ron Board	2	10	0
				Relova Redressing Co.	2	10	0

DONATIONS (Continued)

Mr. A. M. McMillan	2	10	0	Mr. S. Rubenstein	2	0	0
Mayne Nickless & Co.	2	10	0	Mr. Con Weickhardt	2	0	0
J. Murray More	2	2	0	Mr. W. Brown	2	0	0
Pelaco Ltd.	2	2	0	Allan's Studios	1	11	6
J. McIlwraith Ltd.	2	2	0	Clements Langford			
Mr. D. H. Prince	2	2	0	P/L	1	10	0
J. Sutherland & Sons	2	2	0	J. R. Watkins Co.	1	10	0
Mr. O. J. Nilsen	2	2	0	A. E. Smith & Sons	1	10	0
Mr. Alan Murray	2	2	0	Mr. J. F. Moloney	1	10	0
Mr. F. W. Gilby	2	2	0	Tas Pickett P/L	1	10	0
Asher & Co.	2	2	0	Mr. J. H. Newsome	1	10	0
Mr. T. D'Alton (Tas.)	2	2	0	Mr. A. F. Thomas	1	10	0
Mr. W. Fowler	2	2	0	Rosella Ltd.	1	10	0
Carlton and United				Peters Ice Cream Ltd.	1	10	0
Breweries Ltd.	2	2	0	Herbert Adams P/L	1	10	0
Mr. L. E. Jaques	2	2	0	Mr. R. Philpott	1	10	0
Mr. John Allison	2	2	0	Stapleton Industries			
Mr. L. Bennett	2	2	0	P/L	1	10	0
Preservene Ltd.	2	2	0	Mr. J. W. Power	1	10	0
Apex Motors	2	2	0	Smith Mitchell & Co.	1	10	0
Mr. G. J. Cathie	2	2	0	A. H. McDonald & Co.	1	10	0
Richmond Dry Cleaners	2	2	0	Mr. M. S. Bourke	1	10	0
Albion Metalware	2	2	0	Mr. O. Mason	1	10	0
Mr. T. Howard Jackett	2	2	0	Forbes P/L	1	10	0
Hon. R. G. Menzies	2	2	0	Crane Bros.	1	10	0
H. A. Rogers P/L	2	2	0	Senator A. Hendrickson	1	10	0
Victoria Fibrous Plaster	2	2	0	T. Curphey P/L	1	10	0
Compressed Cork				L. Cohen & Sons	1	10	0
Sheet Co.	2	2	0	E. B. May P/L	1	10	0
Mr. Les McKay	2	2	0	Fred Hesse P/L	1	10	0
Mr. E. M. Cooke	2	2	0	W. Anderson & Sons	1	10	0
Mr. T. V. Bunn	2	2	0	Cremorne Collar Co.	1	10	0
London Stores	2	2	0	Kayser P/L	1	10	0
Mr. F. C. Pittard	2	2	0	R. Werner & Co.	1	10	0
Sir Frank Beaurepaire	2	2	0	Picton Hopkins P/L	1	10	0
Mr. F. Chatto	2	2	0	Mr. A. Pointon	1	10	0
Mr. F. N. Bunney	2	2	0	Clark Matting & Rubber Co.	1	10	0
Richmond Brewery	2	2	0	Loy Bros.	1	10	0
Mr. T. Davern	2	2	0	Sutex P/L	1	10	0
Cr. J. Bolger	2	2	0	H. Beyer P/L	1	10	0
Mr. M. O'Donohue	2	2	0	W. Winter P/L	1	10	0
Mr. R. G. Stuart	2	2	0	Mr. G. J. Brown	1	10	0
Mr. R. J. Long	2	2	0	Star Small Goods P/L	1	10	0
Mr. J. W. Moran	2	2	0	Rose Service Station	1	10	0
Mr. Len Jewson	2	2	0	G. Pizzey & Son	1	10	0
Mr. T. Wieland	2	2	0	M. Ball & Co.	1	10	0
Nuttlex P/L	2	2	0	Mr. N. O'Doherty	1	10	0
Mr. T. Bolger	2	2	0	Mr. J. J. Coffey	1	10	0
Mr. J. Yewers	2	2	0	Mr. L. Darling	1	10	0
Mr. S. M. Keon	2	2	0	Mr. M. C. Pittorms	1	10	0
Mr. J. Cook	2	2	0	Mr. Jack Corry	1	10	0
Mr. F. Power	2	2	0	Mr. J. G. Kearney	1	5	0
Mr. J. F. Fleming	2	0	0	Mr. A. Challingsworth	1	1	0
Mr. G. G. Broadstock	2	0	0	Mr. E. J. Thomas	1	1	0
				Miss M. Clarke		10	0

Total £901 4 6

RESULTS OF MATCHES, SEASON 1956

Date	Richmond versus	Result	Rich, Score			Oppon. Score		
			G.	B.	Pts.	G.	B.	Pts.
April 14	Melbourne	Lost	8	7	55	12	16	88
" 21	Hawthorn	Lost	12	13	85	16	10	106
" 28	Collingwood	Won	17	12	114	11	12	78
May 5	Geelong	Lost	10	11	71	15	13	103
" 12	Essendon	Lost	7	10	52	6	22	58
" 19	Carlton	Lost	9	14	68	15	17	107
" 26	St. Kilda	Lost	6	8	44	9	10	64
June 4	Sth. Melbourne	Lost	10	15	75	12	6	78
" 9	Footscray	Lost	6	8	44	12	14	86
" 16	Nth. Melbourne	Won	12	11	83	10	13	73
" 30	Fitzroy	Won	15	12	102	12	14	86
July 7	Melbourne	Lost	7	3	45	11	13	79
" 14	Hawthorn	Won	8	6	54	3	13	31
" 21	Collingwood	Lost	8	5	53	14	16	100
" 28	Geelong	Lost	9	11	65	11	13	79
Aug. 4	Essendon	Won	13	13	91	11	13	79
" 11	Carlton	Won	10	11	71	7	24	66
" 18	St. Kilda	Lost	16	9	105	16	14	110

Summary: Matches Played 18; Won 6, Lost 12.

Position on Premiership List: Tenth.

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FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAYERS

Fifteen Years:

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years). 1939—P. Bentley (16 years). 1940—J. Titus (18 years). 1945—J. Dyer (19 years).

Ten Years:

1919—B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don. 1934—A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran. 1936—J. Murdoch. 1939—K. O'Neill, M. Bolger. 1940—R. Martin. 1943—R. Harris, J. Symons. 1944—G. Smeaton. 1947—C. Priestley. 1949—L. Merrett, W. Perkins. 1951—F. Burge, J. W. Morris, W. M. Oppy. 1953—W. Wilson. 1955—R. Poulter, D. Rowe, R. Wright.

Five Years:

1913—E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—F. McCashney, F. Love. 1916—D. J. Moffatt. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede. 1919—H. Alessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, E. Keggins, W. Thomas. 1920—G. Bayliss. 1921—M. Hislop, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggett, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheahan. 1934—E. Zschech. 1935—G. and D. Strang. 1938—D. Guinane, R. Chergwin. 1939—J. Cotter. 1940—I. Hull, N. Dickson. 1941—J. Crane, M. O'Connell. 1942—B. Edwards. 1943—L. Ablett, R. Bawden, J. Scott. 1944—B. Waldron. 1945—L. Maguire, B. Randall, L. Smith. 1946—A. McDonald, W. Russell, R. Steele, J. Sullivan. 1947—F. Bourke, R. Durham, A. Mooney. 1948—F. Cook, L. Jones. 1949—D. Fraser, R. Wiggins. 1950—K. Albiston, R. Stokes. 1951—M. Currie, K. Roberts. 1952—H. Rowe, G. Spring. 1953—A. Cooke, K. Dillon, J. Nix, J. O'Rourke. 1954—B. Boland. 1955—J. Ritchie, F. Ryan. 1956—A. Cations, G. Cox, S. Morcom.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

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The Club's Life Membership list is as follows:—

1905—McNair, A.	1941—Callander, C.
1915—James, J. H.	Daws, A. H.
1916—Lohse, W. H.	1942—Fleming, J. M.
1917—Maybury, P. H.	Turner, C. E.
1919—Reeves, S. W.	1943—Harris, R.
1920—Hall, C. H.	Symons, J.
1921—Aarons, A.	1944—Langdon, P. C.
1922—Bettles, A. J.	Smeaton, G.
1923—Hughes, F. V.	1945—Jones, J. H.
1924—Harley, F.	1946—Davall, R.
1926—Don, D.	Dunn, R. H.
Smith, J.	1947—Kennelly, P. J.
1927—Dyke, H.	Priestley, C.
Taylor, E.	1948—Joyce, J.
1928—Hayes, D.	Quinn, W. A.
1929—Gosch, W. H.	1949—Merrett, L.
1930—Higginbotham, W. J.	Perkins, W.
1931—Page, P.	1950—Goring, L. J.
1932—Baker, W.	Sheehan, J. M.
1933—Cox, H.	1951—Burge, F.
1934—Bentley, P.	Morris, J. W.
Geddes, A.	Oppy, W. M.
McCormack, B.	1952—Sinclair, L.
1935—O'Brien, F.	Grogan, Dr. P. L.
Titus, J.	1953—Booth, I.
1937—Murdoch, J.	Wilson, W.
1938—Hunter, M.	1954—Knapp, R.
1939—Bolger, M.	Stanbrough, W.
O'Neill, K.	1955—Poulter, R.
1940—Dyer, J.	Rowe, D.
Martin, R.	Wright, R.
	1956—McDonald, W. H.

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RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 1908

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Played
Carlton	40	61	—	101
Collingwood	41	58	—	100
Essendon	42	47	2	91
Fitzroy	48	45	—	93
Footscray	35	18	1	54
Geelong	50	37	2	89
Hawthorn	44	11	—	55
Melbourne	47	36	2	85
North Melbourne	37	14	—	51
South Melbourne	43	44	1	88
St. Kilda	57	22	—	79
	484	393	9	886

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

Player	First Played	Matches 1956	Total Matches Played
Andrews, G.	1956	1	1
Amery, L.	1956	4	4
Allsopp, R.	1955	8	12
Bloodworth, R.	1955	—	1
Branton, R.	1953	18	70
Carrick, W.	1956	5	5
Cations, A.	1952	18	81
Claxton, J.	1955	12	15
Cooke, A.	1949	15	106
Cox, G.	1952	1	29
Davie, B.	1953	13	58
Davis, M.	1956	4	4
Dummett, R.	1954	12	27
Dunin, F.	1953	16	39
Evely, W.	1956	2	2
Flannagan, C.	1955	7	8
Hafey, T.	1953	14	44
Jenkins, J.	1955	3	7
Langridge, E.	1956	3	3
Morcom, S.	1952	15	32
Morris, P.	1955	13	19
Munro, F.	1956	6	6
McDonald, R.	1955	17	32
McGow, R.	1956	3	3
McGown, K.	1954	2	11
Naismith, V.	1956	9	9
Nix, J.	1949	9	94
Poulter, R.	1946	16	167
Rowe, D.	1946	17	157
Rowe, H.	1948	9	109
Ryan, A.	1951	16	56
Saddington, C.	1956	14	14
Sharp, L.	1954	17	31
Simpson, T.	1956	12	12
Spring, G.	1948	2	146
Ward, K.	1956	8	8
Wright, R.	1946	13	155

Thirty-six players, including twelve first-year players with the Club, participated in premiership matches during the 1956 season.

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COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES

General Committee (19 meetings): H. J. Dyke 19, W. J. Tymms 19, W. A. Quinn 17, M. J. Bolger 19, R. H. Dunn 18, J. R. Dyer (appointed 27/8/56) 8, P. J. Kennelly (resigned 27/8/56) 8, M. Oppy (leave of absence from 12/12/55) 1, W. G. Pitt 19, J. M. Sheehan 13, L. J. Goring 18, C. E. Priestley 16, W. J. Titus 14, B. McCormack 19, C. Callander 19, H. Lingwood-Smith 14; **Players' Representatives** (7 meetings): R. Wright 7, A. Cooke 6, B. Davie 4; **R.C.C. Representative**: D. Goodson 18; **Second Eighteen Representative**: J. Joyce 17; **Proxy Delegate**, H. Crook 1.

Finance and Executive Meetings (9 meetings held): R. H. Dunn 9, H. J. Dyke 9, H. Lingwood-Smith 8, M. J. Bolger 9, W. A. Quinn 9, W. J. Tymms 9.

Selection Committee (23 meetings held): W. J. Titus 23, C. E. Priestley 23, M. Oppy 23, D. Rowe 22, B. McCormack 23, B. Davie 1.

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	For Gls. Bhd.			Against Gls. Bhd.			Position
1908	G. H. Bennett, M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	-	178	207	-	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor, M.H.R.	"	"	R. Condon	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	-	179	209	-	Eighth
1910	"	"	"	J. Lawson	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	-	121	186	-	Seventh
1911	"	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (29)	122	199	-	138	193	-	Eighth
1912	"	G. P. Beachcroft	J. Macdermott	L. Incigneri	E. Keggins (24)	115	173	-	184	229	-	Ninth
1913	"	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	E. Ohlsen	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	-	150	190	-	Seventh
1914	"	"	"	H. James	C. Hall (32)	143	226	-	143	219	-	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	W. Thomas	C. Hall (25)	126	150	-	158	216	-	Sixth
1916	"	"	"	"	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	-	131	170	-	Fourth
1917	"	W. A. Maybury	"	"	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	-	127	192	-	Sixth
1918	"	"	"	P. H. Maybury	D. Don (19)	96	176	-	117	155	-	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	C. H. Hall	W. Thomas	172	251	-	148	210	-	Runners-up
1920	"	"	"	D. T. Minogue	D. Don (31)	202	223	-	143	154	-	Premiers
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Bayliss (63)	188	222	-	149	226	-	Premiers
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (53)	146	163	-	154	204	-	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (32)	121	180	-	156	202	-	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	Perc. Page	"	"	M. Morris (44)	172	259	-	169	222	-	Runners-up
1925	"	"	J. D. Langdon	"	M. Morris (25)	132	189	-	158	183	-	Seventh
1926	"	"	"	M. Morris	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	-	214	211	-	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	-	164	219	-	Runners-up
1928	"	"	"	"	J. Baggott (61)	253	303	-	195	218	-	Runners-up
1929	"	"	"	C. Lilburne	J. Titus (54)	277	311	-	235	220	-	Runners-up
1930	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Titus (50)	214	257	-	175	207	-	Fourth
1931	"	"	"	M. Hunter	D. Strang (68)	247	292	-	174	243	-	Runners-up
1932	B. V. Herbert	J. J. Smith	"	P. Bentley	D. Strang (49)	242	290	-	174	244	-	Premiers
1933	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (51)	281	249	-	206	241	-	Runners-up
1934	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (80)	266	284	-	206	235	-	Premiers
1935	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	253	245	-	215	247	-	Third
1936	H. L. Roberts	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	239	239	-	225	200	-	Fifth
1937	"	"	G. B. Smith	"	J. Titus (65)	244	252	-	225	207	-	Fourth
1938	"	"	C. E. Turner	"	J. Titus (72)	253	229	-	219	249	-	Sixth
1939	B. V. Herbert	M. E. Sheahan	"	"	J. Titus (48)	245	316	-	220	221	-	Fourth
1940	H. J. Dyke	J. M. Fleming	"	"	J. Titus (100)	285	252	-	238	269	-	Runners-up
1941	"	"	"	J. Dyer	J. Titus (87)	255	265	-	227	242	-	Fourth
1942	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (67)	278	267	-	213	232	-	Runners-up
1943	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	234	274	-	198	214	-	Premiers
1944	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	305	285	-	236	256	-	Runners-up
1945	"	"	"	"	F. Burge (55)	254	278	-	249	248	-	Seventh
1946	"	"	"	"	A. Mooney (49)	275	271	-	234	255	-	Fifth
1947	"	"	J. J. Smith	"	J. Dyer (46)	254	276	-	238	257	-	Fourth
1948	"	"	"	"	J. Dyer (64)	275	245	-	208	261	-	Fifth
1949	"	"	W. A. Quinn	"	R. Poulter (51)	246	257	-	207	241	-	Sixth
1950	"	"	W. A. Quinn	W. Morris	R. Poulter (56)	214	222	-	208	228	-	Sixth
1951	"	"	"	"	J. O'Rourke (58)	222	219	-	183	229	-	Sixth
1952	"	& H. Lingwood-Smith	"	D. Rowe	J. O'Rourke (43)	182	187	-	191	236	-	Ninth
1953	"	J. M. Fleming	"	"	R. Branton (22)	170	200	-	213	223	-	Tenth
1954	"	"	"	"	R. Branton (33)	210	243	-	184	206	-	Fifth
1955	"	H. Lingwood-Smith & W. Tymms	"	"	R. Poulter (49)	201	265	-	196	206	-	Sixth
1956	"	W. Tymms	"	"	R. Dummett (32)	183	179	-	203	253	-	Tenth

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